



2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

JULY 3 to JULY 8





THE MEMBERS OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF MICHIGAN
WELCOME YOU TO THE
69th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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DETROIT MARRIOTT

The 69th annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind is being held in Michigan at the Detroit Marriott® at the Renaissance Center. As usual, our hotel rates are very good: singles and doubles \$62, triples \$66, and quads \$68. In addition to the room rates, there is a 15 percent sales tax. There is no charge for children under eighteen in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required. Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid.

The Detroit Marriott is a seventy-two story round hotel in the middle of a larger complex of buildings known as the Renaissance Center. The lowest level is the Motor Lobby where people arriving by taxis and automobiles enter the hotel. There are bellmen at this entrance and elevators going directly to the main lobby of the hotel, which is located on Level Three. All hotel meeting rooms, ballrooms, and the exhibit hall are on Levels Three, Four, and Five. A bank of twelve elevators is located in the center of the hotel in a corridor oriented along the east-west axis of the building. The first six elevators at the west end of the corridor (three on each side) serve floors one, three, four, five, and forty through seventy. The next six elevators (three on each side) serve floors one, three, four, five, and nine through forty. Just beyond each end of the elevator corridor a set of escalators serves Levels Three, Four, and Five. To reach the main hotel lobby you should leave the elevator corridor heading west. The hotel restaurant (Forty-two Degrees North) and Volt (a bar which also serves an extensive array of food) can be entered from the main lobby. Many other food outlets including a large food court are located on Levels A, One, and Two in the Renaissance Center complex. The easiest way to exit the hotel proper into other parts of the Renaissance Center Complex is to use an escalator located near the Coach Insignia Restaurant elevator at the south end of Level Three of the hotel. The Detroit Marriott has a smoke-free policy.

COURTYARD MARRIOTT

The Courtyard Marriott is connected to Level Two of the Renaissance Center Complex by an enclosed overhead walkway. It may also be reached by leaving the Renaissance Center at Level One through the Jefferson Lobby. We are using both sleeping rooms and meeting space in the Courtyard Marriott.



“MOTOR CITY” MARCH FOR INDEPENDENCE: SUPPORTING OUR IMAGINATION FUND CAMPAIGN

On Monday, July 6, we open the convention with our spectacular third March for Independence. Marching through downtown Detroit, we will celebrate our liberty among friends, family members, and supporters. Please gather for this fundraising and “friend-raising” walk-a-thon and rally at 6:45 Monday morning in the Wintergarden on Level A of the Detroit Marriott. Most of the route is along the beautiful RiverWalk promenade and culminates with a rally in Rivard Plaza. Marcher drop-in briefing sessions are on Sunday, July 5, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Let’s walk together to make the Motor City March a truly magnificent event.

NFB OF MICHIGAN HOSPITALITY DANCE!

Our host affiliate invites you to celebrate with them by renewing old friendships and/or forming new ones on Monday, July 6, at 7:00 pm in the Ambassador Ballroom, Level 3. Entertainment by “Nine,” a nine-piece band that will perform Motown, soul, classic rock, pop, and old standards—guaranteed to create an exciting atmosphere and stir pleasant memories.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception from 8:00 to 10:00 pm on Friday, July 3, in the Ambassador Ballroom One, Level 3. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week’s activities. Veteran conventioners should urge all first-timers to attend this special event. Also, first-time rookies are invited to join an informal, fun gathering on Sunday, July 5, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Affiliate Action Suite 6801.

REGISTRATION & PREREGISTRATION

Registration activities take place in the Renaissance Foyer, Level 4 beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 4; at 8:30 am on Sunday, July 5;

and at other times as listed throughout the week. The fee for registration at convention is \$20 per person (if you preregistered before May 31, the fee was \$15), and all those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Therefore, please register as soon as possible after arrival.

EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET

Exhibits and the NFB Independence Market are located in the Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3. The exhibit hall hours are:

Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Monday Noon to 1:45 pm; sponsors only from 7:00-10:00 pm

Tuesday Noon to 1:45 pm—Note: This is the final time that Independence Market and Literature will be open.

Tuesday 7:00 to 10:00 pm—Exhibit Hall only; Independence Market and Literature closed)

There is a special event *for sponsor-level exhibitors only* on Monday, July 6, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm (see “Special Attention” section and agenda listing for more information). Sign up for NFB-NEWSLINE® at the NEWSLINE table, check the agenda for times to visit Room 6401 to learn about it, or call local number (313) 483-1147 to use NEWSLINE at convention. Any alterations in the general session schedule which may occur during the convention will result in conforming shifts in the exhibit schedule and will be announced in the exhibit areas. A number of affiliated NFB divisions and committees have tables. Many new electronic devices are demonstrated, as well as a special exhibit of materials and resources for the deaf-blind.

MEETINGS

General sessions of the convention are being held in the Renaissance Ballroom, Level 4 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The morning sessions convene at 9:30 am on Monday, and 9:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday. The convention adjourns promptly at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 8. Please note that all requests for announcements by Dr. Maurer during general sessions must be submitted in Braille.

BANQUET AND BANQUET TICKET EXCHANGE

The banquet is being held in the Renaissance Ballroom, Level 4 at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, July 8. Banquet tickets purchased at convention are \$40.00 (the cost was \$35 if purchased before May 31) and are on sale during registration on Saturday and Sunday, and from noon to 12:30 and 1:30 to 2:00 pm on Monday. No banquet tickets will be available for purchase after Monday.

It will be necessary to have your banquet ticket with you to attend the banquet; it will be collected at the banquet table. Arrangements should be made for reserved table assignments by taking the ticket(s) you purchase to the Banquet Exchange Table in the registration area, where you may exchange either an individual ticket or a group of tickets for reserved seating. Banquet tables seat ten people.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

On Sunday, July 5, Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., will celebrate a Roman Catholic Mass at 7:15 am in Ambassador Ballroom One, Level 3.

Also on Sunday at 11:45 am services for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Ambassador Ballroom One, Level 3.

Devotional services will be held in Ambassador Ballroom One, Level 3, at 7:30 am on Tuesday, and 8:00 am on Wednesday. Please note there is no service on Monday morning. Services are nonsectarian and will end at least fifteen minutes prior to morning convention sessions.

knfbReader MOBILE THE CELL PHONE THAT READS PRINT

With the power of digital photography and unique cell phone software, reading print on the go wherever you are is now possible for blind people. Come and learn about this fabulous, life-changing technology in the exhibit hall and at demonstration and training sessions planned in the afternoon on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and in the evening on Tuesday. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- A Federation Information Desk will be in the registration area from

Saturday morning, July 4, through Wednesday, July 8, if you have questions or need assistance. The Michigan affiliate will also maintain a table near the hotel check-in desk in the main lobby to provide assistance and hospitality during much of the convention.

- When you register, you will be given a badge. Please wear it at all times during the convention.
- The room number for the Presidential Suite is 7010. Someone will be on hand in the Presidential Suite throughout most of the convention to greet you and make appointments for you with the President or anyone else you wish to see. The Presidential Suite will not be open during the business sessions of the convention, the Sunday morning Board of Directors meeting, Monday morning (due to the Independence March), or the Wednesday evening banquet. Come to the Presidential Suite. You will be most welcome.
- The room number for Mary Ellen Jernigan, Chairwoman of Convention Organization and Activities, is 6910. Questions concerning hotel rooms, meeting rooms, banquet, scheduling, registration, and other matters dealing with convention arrangements should be referred to the Chairwoman of Convention Organization and Activities.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to the DaVinci Room, Level 4 on Monday, July 6, between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, or on Tuesday, July 7, between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm.
- The Michigan Suite (Fred Wurtzel, President) is 6805.
- The Affiliate Action and Rookie Activities Suite (Joanne Wilson and Pam Allen, Coordinators) is 6801.
- We are again offering NFB Camp (child-care services) for children six weeks through ten years of age in Marquette A and B Rooms, Level 5 during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Preregistration and payment by June 15 were required for NFB Camp.

NFB Camp is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan, camp worker and teacher since 1998, is the activities

director. Please note that NFB Camp provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents are required to provide lunch for their child(ren) every day. Times listed are the opening and closing times for NFB Camp. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed for all late pickups.

NFB Camp hours:

Friday, 7/3	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday, 7/4	Closed
Sunday, 7/5	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 to 5:30 pm
Monday, 7/6	9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 7/7	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 7/8	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Banquet 7/8	6:30 pm to 30 minutes after closing

- A Special Evening For Sponsor-Level Exhibitors: Again this year, the exhibit hall will reopen from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Monday, July 6, for a very special evening dedicated solely to Sponsor-Level Exhibitors listed here. Come and bring a guest to say “thank you” to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our convention sponsors are—**Platinum**: HumanWare and UPS; **Gold**: Deque Systems, Inc., Freedom Scientific, and Oracle; **Silver**: En-Vision America, Intel®, and Wal-Mart; **Bronze**: Adobe, Council of U.S. Dog Guide Schools (CUSDGS), IBM, Independent Living Aids (ILA), and Microsoft; **Exhibit Hall**: GW Micro, J&B Medical Supply, National Industries for the Blind, ReadHowYouWant, and Roche Diagnostics.

- The ever-popular Showcase of Talent is back again at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 7, presented by the Performing Arts Division. Admission price is \$5.00. If you would like to participate in the Showcase, make sure to sign up early by contacting Beth Allred at the convention.

- Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception to this rule will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct such drawings during the convention or at the banquet. LaSalle A Room, Level 5 will be set aside at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 8, for all other drawings. Any group or affiliate wishing to conduct drawings at this time (or any person wishing to know the winners) may go at noon on Wednesday to the LaSalle A Room.

AFFILIATED DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES, AND GROUPS

The Federation carries on its business through divisions, committees, and groups. The meetings of some of these have been scheduled for particular times and are listed in the agenda. Others have not been formally scheduled but will meet at the call of their chairpersons or presidents. If you have matters that you would like to discuss with any of the following divisions, committees, or groups, you should contact:

Divisions:

- Agriculture and Equestrian: *Fred Chambers, President;*
- Assistive Technology Trainers: *Michael Barber, President;*
- Classics, Antiques, and Rods or Special Interest Vehicles (CARS):
Joseph B. Naulty, President;
- Deaf-Blind: *Burnell Brown, President;*
- Diabetes Action Network for the Blind: *Michael Freeman, President;*
- Human Services: *Melissa Riccobono, President;*
- National Association of the Blind in Communities of Faith: *Tom Anderson,*
President;
- National Association of Blind Entrepreneurs: *James R. Bonerbo,*
President;
- National Association of Blind Lawyers: *Scott LaBarre, President;*
- National Association of Blind Merchants: *Kevan Worley, President;*
- National Association of Blind Office Professionals: *Lisa Hall, President;*
- National Association of Blind Piano Technicians: *Don Mitchell,*
President;
- National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals: *Melody Lindsey, President;*
- National Association of Blind Students: *Terri Rupp, President;*
- National Association of Blind Veterans: *Dwight Sayer, President;*
- National Association of Guide Dog Users: *Marion Gwizdala, President;*
- National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB): *Nadine Jacobson, President;*
- National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science: *Curtis Chong,*
President;
- National Federation of the Blind Krafters: *Joyce Kane, President;*
- National Federation of the Blind Seniors: *Judy Sanders, President;*
- National Organization of Blind Educators: *Sheila Koenig, President;*
- National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC): *Carol Castellano,*

President;

- Performing Arts: *Dennis Holston, President;*
- Public Employees: *Ivan Weich, President;*
- Science and Engineering: *John Miller, President;*
- Sports and Recreation: *Lisamaria Martinez, President;*
- Travel and Tourism: *Don Gillmore, President;*
- Writers: *Robert Leslie Newman, President.*

Committees:

- Ambassadors: *Angela Wolf, Chairperson;*
- Blind Educator of the Year Award: *David Ticchi, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Assistive Technology (COAT): *Curtis Chong, Chairperson;*
- Committee on Automobile and Pedestrian Safety (CAPS): *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson;*
- Committee to Empower Underserved Populations (CEUP): *Ron Brown, Chairperson;*
- Cultural Exchange and International Program: *Diane McGeorge, Chairperson;*
- Distinguished Educator of Blind Children Award: *Joyce Scanlan, Chairperson;*
- Employment: *Buna Dahal, Chairperson;*
- Imagination Fund: *Kevan Worley, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Award: *Ramona Walhof, Chairperson;*
- Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund: *Tami Jones, Chairperson;*
- Kenneth Jernigan Fund: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- Library Services: *David Hyde, Chairperson;*
- Loan Fund: *Donald C. Capps, Chairperson;*
- Membership: *Ron Gardner, Chairperson;*
- Newel Perry Award: *Allen Harris, Chairperson;*
- Newsletter Publications: *Norma Crosby, Chairperson;*
- NFB-NEWSLINE® Program Steering: *David DeNotaris, Chairperson;*
- PAC Plan: *Scott LaBarre, Chairperson;*
- Planned Giving: *John Halverson, Chairperson;*
- Promotion, Evaluation, and Advancement of Technology: *Gary Wunder, Chairperson;*
- Public Relations: *Barbara Pierce, Chairperson;*
- Research and Development: *Curtis Chong, Chairperson;*
- Resolutions: *Sharon Maneki, Chairperson;*
- Scholarship: *Anil Lewis, Chairperson;*

- Shares Unlimited in NFB (SUN): *Sandy Halverson, Chairperson;*
- Spanish Translation: *Norman Gardner, Chairperson;*
- White Cane and Affiliate Finance: *Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson.*

Groups:

- Blind Musicians: *Linda Mentink, Chairperson;*
- Blind Parents: *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson;*
- Blind Professional Journalists: *Elizabeth Campbell and Bryan Bashin, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Educators of Blind Children: *Gail Wagner, Chairperson;*
- Geordi's Engineers: *Lorraine Rovig, Chairperson;*
- Legislative Initiatives Discussion: *Don Burns, Coordinator;*
- Living History: *Michael Freholm, Chairperson;*
- NFB Ham Radio: *D. Curtis Willoughby, Chairperson;*
- NFB in Judaism: *David Stayer, Chairperson;*
- NFB Lions: *Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota, Co-Chairpersons;*
- Orientation and Mobility: *Edward C. Bell, Chairperson;*
- Professionals in Blindness Education: *Heather Field, Chairperson;*
- Webmasters: *Gary Wunder, Chairperson.*

CONVENTION AGENDA



FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2009

**7:30 - 8:45 am—HAM RADIO GROUP EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Raphael Room, Level 4**

Discuss hotel frequencies and architectural features and distributing special FM receivers for the hearing-impaired and Spanish-speaking attendees. D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

7:45 am - 6:30 pm—THE FUTURE IS OURS...AND THEIRS

Parent, Rehabilitation, and Orientation & Mobility Joint Conference for Families and Rehabilitation Professionals (7:45 - 8:45 am—Registration and coffee; 12:00 to 2:00 pm—NBPCB Awards Luncheon, Ambassador Three Ballroom)

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

NOPBC Fees: Adults \$30; Youth (13-18) \$20; Children (5-12) \$10

NABRP Fees (includes lunch): Students \$75; Professionals \$100

Note: Conference admission included with either registration above.

Sponsors: National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC); National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB); National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals (NABRP); and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University. Chairpersons: Carol Castellano and Edward Bell

**8:00 am - 4:30 pm—PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION
Duluth B Room, Level 5**

Heather Field, Chairperson

**8:30 am—NFB CAMP: IT'S MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY (CHILD CARE)
Marquette A and B Rooms, Level 5**

Please see "Special Attention" section of agenda for further information. (Preregistration by June 15 was required.)

**8:30 - 11:30 am—WHAT'S NEW IN JAWS 10 AND MAGic 11, AND A
FIRST LOOK AT JAWS 11—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC, INC.**

Mackinac East Ballroom, Level 5

Join Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, for an exciting and informative session covering all of the new details surrounding JAWS and MAGic development. This will also be the first look at JAWS 11

scheduled for public beta in August and includes a demo of Windows 7.
Bring questions!

FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—IBTC'S ACCESS TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS
Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

8:30 - 10:00 am—Mobile productivity on cell phones.

10:30 am - noon—Create DAISY books from your desktop.

1:30 - 3:00 pm—Web 2.0 features with screen access software.

3:30 - 5:00 pm—Lesser-known names in screen access software.

9:00 am - 12:00 noon—GW MICRO: BRAILLE SENSE PLUS AND VOICE SENSE—Registration \$10; Refreshments provided.

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

The Braille Sense Plus is the lightest note taker with a 32-cell Braille display, and the Voice Sense is the smallest note taker. Learn about the features of GW note takers including the GW Sense Navigation GPS. Presenters: Raul Gallegos and Chris Park. To register, call (260) 489-3671.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—NFB YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (ages 14-18)
Sponsored by NFB Jernigan Institute; Mary Jo Thorpe, Coordinator

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

9:00 - 10:15 am—PARENTS-REHAB SEMINAR

Cascade B Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

10:30 am - 12:00 noon—ALL ABOUT ME

Help shape the future of youth outreach for the NFB.

2:00 - 3:00 pm—BACK & BICEPS, CHEST & TRICEPS

Learn the “ropes” about working out in a gym.

3:30 - 5:00 pm—ME AND YOUTUBE

An interactive YouTube activity for teens.

9:00 am - 10:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® PRESENTATIONS
Room 6401, 64th floor

9:00-11:00 am, 2:00-6:00 pm, and 8:30-10:00 pm—Learn about NEWSLINE

In Your Pocket, Web News on Demand, and other new features.

11:30 am -1:30 pm—Affiliate presidents' gathering. Learn about NFB-

NEWSLINE Online and how to promote NEWSLINE.

6:30 - 8:00 pm—Exhibit for parents and their blind children (ages 10+).



FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

10:00 am - 5:00 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE SEMINAR

Richard B Room, Level 5

10:00 am—Registration; 10:30 am—Seminar begins
Key strategies for job hunting: How? Where? What? Remember, innovation and authenticity produce abundant opportunities. Gain the secrets of obtaining and maintaining employment. Buna Dahal, Chairperson

10:15 am - 12:00 noon—NOPBC BRAILLE CARNIVAL (ages 5-13)

Ambassador Two Ballroom, Level 3

1:00 - 3:00 pm—PAC MATE, BEYOND NOTE TAKING—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Mackinac East Ballroom, Level 5

Join Jonathan Mosen as we explore the power of PAC Mate Omni, from beaming your KNFB Reader Mobile documents to be read in Braille, to watching TV right from your PAC Mate Omni. See our new StreetTalk VIP GPS solution in action.

1:00 - 3:00 pm—WRITERS DIVISION WORKSHOP (\$5.00 fee)

Room 6405, 64th floor

Visit with a published author. Robert Leslie Newman, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—SWIM CLINIC; SPORTS & REC DIVISION

Pool, Courtyard Marriott

Annie Sawicki, part of the AdapTap team (that designed an award-winning device by blind swimmers), is conducting a swimming workshop. Take a break with a cool dip in the pool. Lisamaria Martinez, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMANWARE PRODUCT SHOWCASE AND USER GROUPS

LaSalle A and B Rooms, Level 5

Sessions: 1:00 Breeze; 2:00 BrailleNote; 3:00 Stream; 4:00 Mobile

Devices

Join HumanWare and other users to learn about recent updates and share product tips. Ask questions and give us your suggestions for your favorite HumanWare product. Door Prizes for every session!

1:30 - 2:45 pm—knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING Greco Room, Level 4

Use your cell phone to read print—it's really that simple! Come and learn how this fabulous, life-changing technology can work for you. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!



FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

2:00 - 3:30 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

One-Two Buckle My Shoe, Three-Four Out the Door

Cascade A Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Developmental timelines from preschool through elementary.

Instructors: Debbi Head, Heather Field, Annee Hartzell

Show Me the Technology: Middle School/High School

Renoir Room, Level 4

What is needed, how to work with the school to get it, and what to do when all else fails. Instructors: Dr. Matt Maurer and Al Lovati

Literacy for All

Skyline B Room, Courtyard Marriott

Large print? Braille? Both? How to tell what is best for your child.

Great Expectations: Mobility Instruction and Blind Children with Additional Disabilities

Skyline A Room, Courtyard Marriott

High expectations, real life goals, and how to achieve them in the area of independent travel. Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt

2:00 - 5:00 pm—NOPBC TRIP TO PENRICKTON CENTER

Meeting place to be announced

Parents of children with significant multiple disabilities can visit this center which uses the Active Learning techniques of Lilli Nielsen.

2:00 - 5:00 pm—NOPBC SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(Note to parents: Volunteers will accompany the children from one

workshop to the other.)

Not-so-mad Scientists: Hands-on Chemistry Experiments:

Cascade D Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructors: Dr. Andrew Greenberg, Cary Supalo, Marilyn Winograd, and Dr. Lillian Rankel

2:00 - 3:30 pm—For Kindergarten through Grade 5

3:30 - 5:00 pm—For Grades 6 through 12



FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

NOPBC SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, Cont'd.

Tactile Drawings and Representations:

Cascade C Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructors: Ann Cunningham and Debbie Kent Stein

2:00 - 3:30 pm—For Grades 6 through 12

3:30 - 5:00 pm—For Kindergarten through Grade 5

2:00 - 5:00 pm—GW MICRO: WINDOW-EYES TRAINING (Registration \$10; Refreshments provided)

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

Explore the power of Window-Eyes with advanced scripting support, Office 2007, Windows Vista, and Windows 7. Come to see the best support for the Internet in a screen reader. Presenters: Raul Gallegos and Chris Park. To register, call (260) 489-3671.

2:00 - 7:00 pm—KRAFTERS KORNER

Richard A Room, Level 5

Meet some talented Federation crafters and purchase their beautiful hand-made items for sale. Joyce Kane, Krafters Division President

3:00 - 4:30 pm—MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR JERNIGAN INSTITUTE (Workshop One; Workshop Two is on Saturday at 4:00 pm)

Brulé A Room, Level 5

Attendees will learn the latest information about the Institute and about how they can utilize its programs to build the organization at the local level. We expect the discussion to spark new, imaginative ideas

for future programs. Led by Mark Riccobono, Jernigan Institute Executive Director.

**3:00 - 4:45 pm— knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING
Greco Room, Level 4**

Use your cell phone to read print—it's really that simple! Come and learn how this fabulous, life-changing technology can work for you. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!

**3:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOC. OF BLIND ENTREPRENEURS
Brulé B Room, Level 5**

James R. Bonerbo, President



FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

3:30 - 4:50 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

Access for Everyone

Skyline A Room, Courtyard Marriott

Learn how blind and low-vision children of all abilities can access education and information in school and in the world.

Instructor: Dr. Denise Robinson

Braille Music for Dummies

Skyline B Room, Courtyard Marriott

Just enough to stay one step ahead of the kids. Instructors: Jennifer Dunnam and Kyle Conley

Spaghetti, Meatballs, and Birthday Parties

Cascade A Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Manners, cafeterias, games, playgrounds, and friends (Pre-K and Elementary)

Instructors: Debbi Head and Emily Gibbs

Bring Me to the Mall—Text Me Later

Renoir Room, Level 4

Manners, food courts, and friends (middle and high school)

Instructors: Eric Guillory and Deja Powell

5:00 - 6:30 pm—PARENTS AND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

JOINT CONFERENCE RECEPTION
Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS
BUSINESS MEETING

Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

6:00 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins
Topics: airline emergency procedures and evacuation; creating and growing state associations of guide dog users; and protecting the rights of guide dog users through advocacy and education. Marion Gwizdala, President



FRIDAY, JULY 3, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE
PROFESSIONALS

Renoir Room, Level 4

6:30 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins
Featuring a hands-on Braille proofreading workshop. Guest speaker is from Seedlings Braille Books for Children. Lisa Hall, President

7:30 - 10:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT

Cascade D Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Drop in, relax, and chat in an informal atmosphere.

8:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB LIONS GROUP

Room 6405, 64th floor

NFB members who are also Lions are urged to meet to share ideas and experiences. Co-Chairpersons: Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota

8:00 - 10:00 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP RECEPTION—GAINING INSIGHT
FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

First-time conventioners, don't miss this event! President Maurer and former rookies will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions. Coordinator: Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana

8:00 pm - midnight—KARAOKE NIGHT ♪ ♪

Ambassador Two Ballroom, Level 3

Admission: \$5.00. You'll have a great time. Braille song lists available.
Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated

9:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Greco Room, Level 4

Angela Wolf, Chairperson



SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$40); Renaissance Foyer, Level 4

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET AND LITERATURE—Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3

1:00 - 3:00 pm—WHAT'S NEW WITH NFB-NEWSLINE®

Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

Presentational seminar about the world's largest audible newspaper service for the blind and visually impaired. Topics cover newest online initiatives and improvements to the service.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—EXPLORING THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN MOBILE REFRESHABLE BRAILLE AND TACTILE GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGIES

Richard A Room, Level 5

1:00-2:00—ALVA Braille Controller: more than just a Braille display.

2:00-3:00—Talking Tactile Tablet: exploring tactile images, interactive games.

3:00-4:00—Reading On the Go!: read books, texts, etc. using a cell phone.

4:00-5:00—Mobile Geo: a new GPS solution for accessible cell phones.
Larry Lewis, President, Flying Blind, Inc.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE

(NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS ONE AND TWO

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

Participants must have preregistered. Exam Sections Three and Four are on Sunday, July 5 (see agenda listing). Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board

1:30 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Renaissance Cartier Ballroom, Level 4

Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

1:30 - 2:45 pm— knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING

Greco Room, Level 4

Use your cell phone to read print—it's really that simple! Come and learn how this fabulous, life-changing technology can work for you. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!



SATURDAY, JULY 4, Continued

2:00 - 5:00 pm—NOPBC SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Braille Beats

Cascade D Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Kids get into Braille music in a fun way. Instructor: Kyle Conley

2:00 - 3:30 pm—For Kindergarten through Grade 5

3:30 - 5:00 pm—For Grades 6 through 12

You Want to Move It, Move It

Cascade A Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Judo expert Lisamaria Martinez and friends get you moving!

2:00 - 3:30 pm—For Grades 6 through 12

3:30 - 5:00 pm—For Kindergarten through Grade 5

2:30 - 4:30 pm—TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION

Raphael Room, Level 4

Don Gillmore, President

3:00 - 4:45 pm—knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING

Greco Room, Level 4

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totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!

3:30 - 10:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® PRESENTATIONS

Room 6401, 64th floor

3:30-6:00 pm and 8:30-10:00 pm—Learn about NEWSLINE In Your Pocket, Web News on Demand, and other new features.

6:30-8:00 pm—Gathering for professionals in the field of work with the blind for an evening of presentations and possibilities.

4:00 - 5:30 pm—MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR JERNIGAN INSTITUTE

Duluth B Room, Level 5

Attendees will learn the latest information about the Institute and about how they can utilize its programs to build the organization at the local level. We expect the discussion to spark new, imaginative ideas for future programs. Led by Mark Riccobono, Jernigan Institute Executive Director.



SATURDAY, JULY 4, Continued

4:00 - 6:00 pm—SPANISH SEMINAR

Brulé B Room, Level 5

Conducted entirely in Spanish. Learn about the Federation, hear from some of our leaders, and network with other Hispanic members.

Facilitators: Rosy Carranza and A.Z. Martinez

4:30 - 5:30 pm—WAL-MART AND NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE: FUTURE INNOVATIONS FORUM

Brulé A Room, Level 5

Join a town hall meeting on Equal Access at the Pharmacy Counter. Discuss emerging issues, best practices, and preferences as a blind or low-vision consumer. Influence future work through the NFB Jernigan Institute to encourage innovative *Pharmacy* practices and take the opportunity for the world's largest retailer to hear your voice.

4:30 - 6:00 pm—TWELFTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—National Association of Blind Lawyers; Scott LaBarre, President

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

Admission: \$5.00. Federation lawyers are pitted against each other reenacting an old Federation case with the audience serving as the jury.

6:00 - 7:30 pm—NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

DaVinci Room, Level 4

Covering state newsletters, formatting a good publication, and publishing in accessible formats. Norma Crosby, Chairperson

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS

Ambassador Two Ballroom, Level 3

6:00 pm—Registration (\$5.00) & Meet-and-Greet; 7:00 pm—Meeting
Happy 42nd birthday to NABS! Remember to bring your contact information on a Brailled index card for registration. Terri Rupp, President

6:45 - 7:45 pm—IMAGINATION FUND TRAINING MEETING

Greco Room, Level 4

Kevan Worley, Facilitator



SATURDAY, JULY 4, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—NFB AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS SEMINAR

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

Affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this seminar about state financial programs, financial data, and planning the end of 2009 and beginning of 2010. Topics include: 990s, state charitable registrations, end-of-year preparations, and other issues. Facilitators: Bridgid Burke and Charlie Brown

7:00 - 8:30 pm—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION

Richard A Room, Level 5

Ivan Weich, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—CLASSICS, ANTIQUES, AND RODS (CARS) DIVISION

Renoir Room, Level 4

Joseph B. Naulty, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—"KEYS TO INDEPENDENCE," NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND PIANO TECHNICIANS SEMINAR

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

Learn how to have a career in piano tuning and repair; it can enhance your independence. Don Mitchell, President

7:30 - 9:30 pm—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Duluth B Room, Level 5

The more we educate, the more we grow. Ron Gardner, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm—BLIND PARENTS GROUP

Brulé B Room, Level 5

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:00 pm—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Raphael Room, Level 4

Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:30 pm—WEBMASTERS WORKSHOP

Greco Room, Level 4

A meeting for all *NFB affiliate and division* Webmasters.

Gary Wunder, Chairperson, Webmasters Group



SATURDAY, JULY 4, Continued

8:00 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES

Duluth A Room, Level 5

David Hyde, Chairperson

9:00 - 10:00 pm—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Raphael Room, Level 4

Norman Gardner, Chairperson



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

7:15 - 8:15 am—ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

8:00 am - 10:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® PRESENTATIONS

Room 6401, 64th floor

8:00-11:00 am, 1:30-5:30 pm, and 8:30-10:00 pm—Learn about NEWSLINE

In Your Pocket, Web News on Demand, and other new features.

6:00-7:00 pm—Promotion, Evaluation, and Advancement of Technology

Committee gathering. Learn about NFB-NEWSLINE's revolutionary new online initiatives.

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$40); **Renaissance Foyer, Level 4**

8:30 am - 5:00 pm— EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET AND LITERATURE—**Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3**

9:00 - 11:30 am—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to all)
Renaissance Ballroom, Level 4

11:45 am - 12:45 pm—THE DIVISION FOR ME—NFB YOUTH TRACK
Greco Room, Level 4

A meet-and-greet with NFB division representatives. Coordinator: Mary Jo Thorpe. Co-sponsored by NOPBC and NFB Jernigan Institute.

11:45 am - 1:15 pm—CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP GATHERING
Affiliate Action Suite 6801

Attention rookies! Participate in a gathering of fun for first-time conventioners. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and have your convention questions answered by experienced Federationists.



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

12:30 - 4:00 pm—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK FOR THE BLIND
Mackinac East Ballroom, Level 5

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins
Keynote speaker is Ann S. Williams, PhD, RN, CDE, a diabetes educator with much experience with diabetic issues. Mike Freeman, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS
Richard A Room, Level 5

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins
Examine laws affecting blind people and others with disabilities; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to Web sites, employment, legal texts and exams. Scott LaBarre, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

LaSalle B Room, Level 5

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins
Discuss recent releases, concerns of information technology professionals, and other topics. Curtis Chong, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—"OVERCOMING OBSTACLES THROUGH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION"—National Association of the Blind in Communities of Faith

Cadillac A Room, Level 5

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins; Tom Anderson, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—REVOLUTIONIZING RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS MEETING

Ambassador Two Ballroom, Level 3

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:30 pm - Meeting begins
Those involved in the Randolph-Sheppard program or who operate a similar business discuss protection of the priority and the creation of new business opportunities and outreach. Kevan Worley, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Skyline A Room, Courtyard Marriott

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins
Wear your sweats and come ready for hands-on presentations in yoga and much more! Lisamaria Martinez, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

12:45 - 4:30 pm—MIDDLE SCHOOL BIG ADVENTURE! (Ages 9-14)

Meet (and return) at back of Cascade A and B Ballrooms, Courtyard Marriott

Hang out as a group and have fun exploring with blind mentors Michael Freholm and Garrick Scott.

1:00 - 3:00 pm—BLIND PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS GROUP

Duluth A Room, Level 5

Elizabeth Campbell, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:00 pm—CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Duluth B Room, Level 5

Diane McGeorge, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:00 pm—"GRABBING HEADLINES FOR YOUR AFFILIATE"
SEMINAR—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Nicolet B Room, Level 5

Topics: locating press contacts; drafting press releases; developing relationships with reporters and editors; working effectively with the media. Barbara Pierce, Chairperson; Seminar conducted by Chris Danielsen and Jessica Freeh, NFB Public Relations

1:00 - 3:00 pm—NOPBC DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING: MAKING THEIR
FUTURE DREAMS COME TRUE

Cascade A and B Ballrooms, Courtyard Marriott

Carol Castellano, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION

DaVinci Room, Level 4

Unveiling the "Music of the Movement" album. Hear from an artist recruiter about a media company paving the way for blind audio professionals. Dennis Holston, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Renoir Room, Level 4

Robert Leslie Newman, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

1:00 - 4:30 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS
Brulé B Room, Level 5

1:00 pm - Registration; 1:30 pm - Meeting begins
Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms;
meeting in groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest
to create a network of mentors. Sheila Koenig, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—AUTO SHOW (CLASSICS, ANTIQUES, AND SPECIAL
INTEREST VEHICLES)

Location to be announced. Joe Naulty, CARS Division President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE (NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS THREE AND FOUR

Cascade C and D Ballrooms, Courtyard Marriott

Participants must have preregistered. Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

Brulé A Room, Level 5

1:00 pm - Registration; 2:00 pm - Meeting begins
Network, share mutual interests, find placement strategies, and examine and discuss concerns and current issues. Melody Lindsey, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—"SENIORS IN CHARGE"

NFB SENIORS DIVISION MEETING & (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION

Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

Find out ways to spread our message of hope to newly blind seniors. We're also having our popular not-so-silent auction. Judy Sanders, President

1:00 - 6:00 pm—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

1:00 pm - Registration; 2:00 pm - Meeting begins; 5:00 pm - Networking

Psychologists, social workers, counselors, and music or dance therapists meeting to network and ask questions. Melissa Riccobono, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

1:30 - 4:45 pm—knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING
Greco Room, Level 4

Session One: 1:30 - 2:45 pm; Session Two: 3:00 - 4:45 pm

Use your cell phone to read print—it's really that simple! Come and learn how this fabulous, life-changing technology can work for you. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!

3:00 - 4:30 pm—NOPBC PARENT POWER WORKSHOP

Cascade A and B Ballrooms, Courtyard Marriott

Parent leaders from around the country share their experiences.

Moderator: Barbara Mathews

3:15 - 4:45 pm—MEET THE BLIND MONTH ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS SEMINAR: PLANS AND ACTION EQUAL SUCCESS

Duluth B Room, Level 5

October is "Meet the Blind Month." Find out about events that are entertaining and fun and encouraging chapters to try new types of fundraising and meet-and-greet events. Jerry Lazarus, NFB Jernigan Institute

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS RECEPTION

Richard B Room, Level 5

For NABL members and seminar participants to promote networking and fellowship within our membership. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available.

Scott LaBarre, President

5:00 - 7:00 pm—BRAILLE BOOK FLEA MARKET

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

Happy Birthday, Louis Braille! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/Braille books. UPS volunteers will ship the books to your home free of charge. Donations requested to support the Braille Readers are Leaders program. Cake and snacks for browsers. Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB. Coordinator: Peggy Chong

5:00 - 8:00 pm—JUDO WORKSHOP; SPORTS & REC DIVISION

Skyline B Room, Courtyard Marriott

Join USA Judo and paralympian bronze medal winner Greg DeWall to learn about judo from people involved in the sport. See you on the mat! Lisamaria Martinez, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

5:30 - 7:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000 USERS' MEETING

Richard A Room, Level 5

Join the Kurzweil 1000 Users' Contingent! Meet with Steve Baum, Vice

President of Engineering, and share some Kurzweil 1000 experiences. Kurzweil 1000 is our state-of-the-art, text-to-speech and life navigation software for blind and visually impaired readers.

5:30 - 7:30 pm—AGRICULTURE AND EQUESTRIAN DIVISION

Duluth A Room, Level 5

Fred Chambers, President

6:00 - 10:00 pm—BACK TO BASICS: FOUNDATIONS IN MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Ambassador Two Ballroom, Level 3

Topics: running a purposeful chapter meeting, community projects and chapter fundraising, and weaving Federation philosophy into local meetings. NFB Affiliate Action Team

6:00 - 10:00 pm—DEAF-BLIND DIVISION

Nicolet B Room, Level 5

6:00 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins
Burnell Brown, President

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS SEMINAR

6:00 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins

Brulé A Room, Level 5

Topics: Islam, the Koran, and guide dogs; Training Centers and Guide Dogs: a panel discussion; and massage for dogs. You can also “test drive” a guide dog! Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 9:00 pm—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION

Renoir Room, Level 4

6:30 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins
Note-taking devices to recommend to clients and what to do about students who are seemingly “unteachable.” Michael Barber, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

6:30 - 9:30 pm—SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

Cascade A and B Ballrooms, Courtyard Marriott

6:30 pm - Registration; 7:00 pm - Meeting begins

John Miller, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—LIVING HISTORY GROUP

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

Dedicated to recording, preserving, and appreciating Federation history. Michael Freholm, Chairperson

7:00 - 8:30 pm—“SOMETIMES TRUTH REPELS” a play by Jerry Whittle
(Admission: \$5.00; Second Performance is at 9:00 pm)

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

A play about the teaching career of Louis Braille performed by the Louisiana Center for the Blind Players. Proceeds go to the Louisiana Center for the Blind's summer training program for blind children.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COMMITTEE TO EMPOWER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

LaSalle B Room, Level 5

Ron Brown, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—FEDERATION RE-GENERATION

Duluth B Room, Level 5

Do you need to rejuvenate and kick-start your affiliate with fresh ideas? Re-generate! Get a new generation involved. Join the NFB Jernigan Institute Education Team to learn more about program possibilities.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Cadillac A Room, Level 5

Unveiling new craft initiatives, including plans for a new Web site and information on our Monday night nationwide chats. Joyce Kane, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) SEMINAR

Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

Celebrating Louis Braille's 200th birthday! Receive information about the commemorative Louis Braille silver dollar, the NFB Share Braille Web site project, and more. Nadine Jacobson, President



SUNDAY, JULY 5, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS

LaSalle A Room, Level 5

Guest speakers; reviewing access technology; unveiling the 2009 NABV pin. Pay dues and receive an NABV-3 shirt. Dwight Sayer, President

7:00 - 10:00 pm—MARCH FOR INDEPENDENCE MARCHER DROP-IN BRIEFINGS (THREE SEPARATE SESSIONS)

Brulé B Room, Level 5

Session One: 7:00-8:00 pm; Session Two 8:00-9:00 pm; Session Three 9:00-10:00 pm. Drop in anytime and help us lead the 2009 March for Independence. Facilitator: Kevan Worley

7:30 - 9:00 pm—DADS' NIGHT OUT

Contact Brad Weatherd for location

All dads, sighted and blind, are welcome. Sponsored by the NOPBC

7:30 - 9:00 pm—NFB IN JUDAISM MEETING

Room 6405, 64th Floor

David Stayer, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY; Gary Wunder, Chairperson

Greco Room, Level 4

8:00 - 9:30 pm—MAKING BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

Make Braille books at home that will inspire your child to read and explore. Sponsored by NOPBC. Instructors: Carlton Walker and Krystal Guillory

9:00 - 10:30 pm—"SOMETIMES TRUTH REPELS," a play by Jerry Whittle (Second Performance) Admission: \$5.00

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

A play about the teaching career of Louis Braille performed by the Louisiana Center for the Blind Players. Proceeds go to the Louisiana Center for the Blind's summer training program for blind children.

9:30 - 10:30 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING

Raphael Room, Level 4

Coordinator: Gary Ray



MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009

6:45 am—MOTOR CITY MARCH FOR INDEPENDENCE RALLY!

Please gather in the Wintergarden on Level A of the Detroit Marriott for a 7:00 am start.

NOTE: Because of the March for Independence, there are no registration, devotions, Independence Market and Literature, or Exhibit Hall activities on Monday morning.



OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES

9:55 am CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED

Dwight Sayer, President, National Association of Blind Veterans,

National Federation of the Blind; Winter Gardens, Florida

10:05 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



**12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20);
FINAL BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$40)—Renaissance Foyer, Level 4**

**12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET
AND LITERATURE—Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3**



MONDAY, JULY 6, Continued

12:15 - 2:00 pm—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

Contact: Pam Allen, Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, Marc Maurer

3:00 pm POLICIES TO ENHANCE EMPLOYMENT, INCLUSION, SAFETY, AND PRODUCTIVITY

The Honorable John D. Dingell, Member of Congress, 15th Congressional District; Michigan

3:20 pm PROMOTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: A PRIORITY FOR MANUFACTURERS

The Honorable Dave McCurdy, President and CEO, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers; McLean, Virginia

3:40 pm THE JOURNEY OF BRAILLE: FROM THE HANDS OF THE CREATOR TO EARTH ORBIT

4:00 pm THE VALUE OF A COIN, OF A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND OF A CLASS OF HUMAN BEINGS

Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D., Research Professor, San Diego State University; Vienna, Virginia

4:25 pm PROVIDING THE FUNDAMENTAL TOOLS: BRAILLE BOOKS

Brian A. MacDonald, President, National Braille Press; Boston, Massachusetts

4:40 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



MONDAY, JULY 6, Continued

5:30 - 6:30 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE; Sharon Maneki,
Chairperson
Cadillac A Room, Level 5

6:00 - 8:00 pm—AFB INTRODUCES ACCESSIBLE WALKING DIRECTIONS
AND NEW CareerConnect FEATURES
Mackinac East Ballroom, Level 5

The American Foundation for the Blind's reception introduces Mapquest Accessible Walking Directions and new CareerConnect offerings. Be the first to try a free online directions service. Join up as a CareerConnect leader or mentor. We look forward to reconnecting with old friends.

6:00 - 9:00 pm—INDOOR ROWING; SPORTS & REC DIVISION
Skyline A and B Rooms, Courtyard Marriott

Row your way into fitness and maintain a healthy lifestyle using an accessible rowing machine. Prizes plus plenty of fun! Lisamaria Martinez, President

6:30 - 8:00 pm—GUITAR SEMINAR
LaSalle B Room, Level 5

Learn about the guitar; get advice from a professional musician, Cameron Strife; \$5 donation. Presented by the NFB Performing Arts Division

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® PRESENTATION
Room 6401, 64th floor

Drop by and learn about NEWSLINE In Your Pocket, Web News on Demand, and other new features.

7:00 - 8:30 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS,
REHAB PROFESSIONALS, AND INTERESTED OTHERS:

IEPs: Evals, Goals, Strategies, the Law
Cascade A Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott
Instructor: Carlton Walker

The Science of Getting in on Science

Cascade B Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructors: Cary Supalo, Marilyn Winograd, Dr. Lillian Rankel

Mental Mapping: Using Environmental Sounds and Clues

Cascade C Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructor: Daniel Kish



MONDAY, JULY 6, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—BOOKSHARE AT NFB MEMBER PARTY

LaSalle A Room, Level 5

Enjoy snacks and refreshments while meeting the Bookshare staff. This is your opportunity to talk with us and share your ideas; we're here to listen. Plan to have fun with contests, drawings, and interacting with your fellow members. We look forward to seeing you.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—BRAILLE READERS ARE LEADERS: THE INITIATIVE FOR CHANGE

Duluth B Room, Level 5

One representative from each affiliate should attend this session. Help to ensure Braille literacy for all by learning about the exciting developments and discuss strategies for promoting Louis Braille bicentennial coins.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—MOVING LEGISLATION ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR

Cadillac B Room, Level 5

Each affiliate should send one representative. Learn the best methods of increasing support for our legislative priorities. Changing lives through laws is our business. Led by Jesse Hartle, NFB Strategic Initiatives Staff

7:00 - 10:00 pm—A SPECIAL EVENING FOR SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS

Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3

The exhibit hall reopens for an evening dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors. Come and bring a guest to say "thank you" to our sponsors and to enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our convention sponsors are—**Platinum:** HumanWare and UPS; **Gold:** Deque Systems, Inc., Freedom Scientific, and Oracle; **Silver:** En-Vision America, Intel®, and Wal-Mart; **Bronze:** Adobe, Council of U.S. Dog Guide Schools (CUSDGS), IBM, Independent Living Aids (ILA), and

Microsoft; **Exhibit Hall:** GW Micro, J&B Medical Supply, National Industries for the Blind, ReadHowYouWant, and Roche Diagnostics.

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NOPBC CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY (ages 5-13)

A UNIVERSALLY FUN TIME

Cascade D Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Drop in and explore the universe with Noreen Grice; volunteers led by Michael Freholm



MONDAY, JULY 6, Continued

7:00 - midnight—NFB OF MICHIGAN HOSPITALITY DANCE

Ambassador Ballroom, Level 3

♪ “There may be trouble ahead...but while there’s moonlight and music and love and romance...let’s face the music and dance!” ♪ Join our host affiliate to enjoy dancing or simply listening to some really good music. Entertainment provided by “Nine,” a nine-piece band performing Motown, soul, classic rock, pop, and old standards.

7:30 - 8:30 pm—NFB YOUTH TRACK MEETINGS

ME AND THE GOSSIP GIRLS (ages 14-18)

Greco Room, Level 4

Girls—bring your questions and thoughts about makeup, dating, or just how to get more involved in your school.

ME AND THE GUYS (ages 14-18)

Renoir Room, Level 4

Guys—talk about cars, dating, school, or how to nail that perfect job to make a little extra money.

8:00 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (CAPS); Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

Nicolet A Room, Level 5

8:30 - 10:00 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS, REHAB PROFESSIONALS, AND INTERESTED OTHERS

Pro to Pro to Parent to Para—Learn How Your Child’s “Team” Can Work Together

Cascade A Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructors: Dr. Denise Robinson and Gail Wagner

Taking the Headaches Out of Adapting in Math

Cascade B Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructors: Eric and Krystal Guillory

Summer Jobs, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Volunteering

Cascade C Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Instructor: Jan Bailey



TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009

7:30 - 8:15 am—DEVOTIONS

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

8:00 - 8:30 am—REGISTRATION (\$20)

Renaissance Foyer, Level 4



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am FINANCIAL REPORT

10:00 am ELECTIONS

10:30 am EXPANDING ACCESS TO DIGITAL INFORMATION FOR THE BLIND

Gilles Pepin, Chief Executive Officer, HumanWare;
Drummondville, Canada

10:50 am A BLIND ATHLETE IN THE PARALYMPICS

Tyler Merren, 2008 U.S. Paralympic Team Member, Men’s
Goalball; Kalamazoo, Michigan

11:05 am DEVELOPMENTS AT THE FIRST EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTION

FOR THE BLIND IN THE UNITED STATES, PERKINS

Steven M. Rothstein, President, Perkins School for the Blind;
Watertown, Massachusetts

11:25 am THE FEDERATION IN THE WORLD FROM THE
PERSPECTIVE

OF THE WORLD BLIND UNION

Maryanne Diamond, President, World Blind Union;
Melbourne,
Australia

11:40 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



TUESDAY, JULY 7, Continued

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20)
Renaissance Foyer, Level 4

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET
AND LITERATURE—(Final Time Period for Independence Market and
Literature)

Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

John Paré, Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives,
National
Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

2:35 pm REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



**6:00 - 10:00 pm—*IT WASN'T ME*, A MURDER MYSTERY AT THE CLUB
Mackinac East Ballroom, Level 5**

Play along as guests at a dance club while private investigators try to solve a murder. Early arrivers are assigned a character role to play for the evening. Latecomers won't be able to play along but are welcome to watch the game and enjoy the experience. Presented by NFB Youth Track.

**6:30 - 9:00 pm—COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE
Brulé A and B Rooms, Level 5**

Discover how good training can change your life. Julie Deden, Director

**6:30 - 9:30 pm—NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (Ages 5-14)
WE WILL NOT LET CONVENTION ACQUAINTANCES BE FORGOT**

Cascade C Ballroom, Courtyard Marriott

Led by Michael Freholm



TUESDAY, JULY 7, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® PRESENTATION

Room 6401, 64th floor

Stop by and learn about NEWSLINE In Your Pocket, Web News on Demand, and other new features.

7:00 - 8:15 pm—knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING

Greco Room, Level 4

Use your cell phone to read print—it's really that simple! Come and learn how this fabulous, life-changing technology can work for you. Go totally mobile and join the reading revolution today!

7:00 - 8:30 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Duluth B Room, Level 5

Linda Mentink, Chairperson

7:00 - 8:30 pm—NINTH ANNUAL RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD RECEPTION

HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS

Richard B Room, Level 5

Socialize, network, and learn more about Randolph-Sheppard and other

business opportunities we can create through our work in the NFB.
Kevan Worley, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COUNCIL OF U.S. DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS (CUSDGS)
RECEPTION

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

Learn how a dog guide can impact your life from featured speaker Michael Hingson, a World Trade Center survivor. Meet representatives from participating schools and learn about their programs. You can even schedule a “Juno” walk for later in the week.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—“SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME: WHAT APPLICANTS, ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW” SEMINAR

Cadillac B Room, Level 5

Information on Social Security and SSI benefits, including the income subsidy program for those receiving the Medicare prescription drug benefit. Presenter: Dan Frye, Attorney and Associate Editor of the *Braille Monitor*



TUESDAY, JULY 7, Continued

7:00 - 10:00 pm—EXHIBITS ONLY (Independence Market and Literature Closed)—**Ontario Exhibit Hall, Level 3**

7:00 - 11:00 pm—ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT—Admission \$5.00
Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

Register early by contacting Beth Allred at the convention. Proceeds benefit the scholarship program in memory of Mary Ann Parks. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division; Dennis Holston, President

7:00 - 11:00 pm—HUMANWARE LOW VISION PRODUCTS SEMINAR
Nicolet B Room, Level 5

Come and learn about HumanWare’s exciting low vision products in a hands-on, interactive seminar: myReader 2 video magnifier; SmartView desktop units; portable handheld devices; and a distance viewing system. Presenter: Ed Wikdall

8:00 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
LaSalle A Room, Level 5

If you have an interest in new technologies and believe that spectacular accomplishments are possible when blind people themselves are involved—then join our meeting. Curtis Chong, Chairperson

8:00 - 11:30 pm—MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Mackinac West Ballroom, Level 5

Try your luck at any of the usual card games found on a casino floor. Prizes go to the top three winners holding the most chips at the end of the evening. Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students

8:30 - 9:45 pm—knfbReader MOBILE DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING

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9:30 - 10:30 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING

Raphael Room, Level 4

Coordinator: Gary Ray



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS

Ambassador One Ballroom, Level 3

8:30 - 9:00 am—REGISTRATION (\$20)—Final opportunity to register.

Renaissance Foyer, Level 4



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am THE NEAR-PERFECT AUDIO BOOK: HOW WE DO IT

Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.

Library Mary Beth Wise, Quality Assurance Specialist, National
Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of
Congress; Washington, D.C.

9:25 am QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

9:30 am THE DEMAND, THE CRISIS, THE SOLUTION IN EDUCATION
FOR

THE BLIND

Edward Bell, Ph.D., Director, Professional Development and
Research Institute on Blindness, Louisiana Tech University;
Ruston,
Louisiana

9:45 am THE THEORY AND THE PRACTICE: EDUCATION FOR THE
BLIND IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Denise M. Robinson, Ph.D., Teacher and Coordinator of
Programming for Blind and Visually Impaired Students;
Yakima,
Washington

10:00 am WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE THAT CHILD BLIND?

Carol Castellano, President, National Organization of Parents
of
Blind Children, National Federation of the Blind; Madison,
New
Jersey



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, Continued

10:20 am TEACHING AN ESSENTIAL SKILL: BRAILLE

Jerry Whittle, Teacher-Counselor, Louisiana Center for the
Blind;
Ruston, Louisiana

April Davis, Coordinator of Summer Programs for Blind
Children, Louisiana Center for the Blind; Ruston, Louisiana

James Mays, Industrial Arts Teacher, Louisiana Center for the

Blind; Ruston, Louisiana

for the Deja Powell, Cane Travel Instructor, Utah Division of Services
Blind and Visually Impaired; Salt Lake City, Utah

Georgia; Anil Lewis, President, National Federation of the Blind of
Atlanta, Georgia

Nevada; Terri Rupp, President, National Federation of the Blind of
Las Vegas, Nevada

10:50 am FROM THE CENTER OF HISTORY: FIVE YEARS INTO THE
FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND
JERNIGAN INSTITUTE

Mark Riccobono, Executive Director, National Federation of
the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland

11:10 am FRONTIER CAREERS FOR THE BLIND INCLUDE
ENGINEERING

Leigh R. Abts, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor of
Engineering
and Education, University of Maryland; College Park,
Maryland

11:25 am NFB NEWSLINE: FROM PHONE TO COMPUTER TO
PODCAST

TO POCKET
Scott White, Director of Sponsored Technology, National
Federation
of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

11:40 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, Continued

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—HAM RADIO GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Raphael Room, Level 4

We will consider the amendment of the division constitution that we adopted last year. D. Curtis Willoughby (KA0VBA), Chairperson

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—NFB CAMP TOY SALE

Marquette A Room, Level 5

Everything must go—30 to 70 percent off toys purchased for NFB Camp.

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS

LaSalle A Room, Level 5

12:15 - 1:45 pm—EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NLS

Nicolet B Room, Level 5

A question-and-answer session with Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, and staff of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress.



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm SHAPING THE STANDARD FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY: THE NECESSITY FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ALL

Daniel Goldstein, Esq., Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP; Baltimore, Maryland

2:25 pm NEGOTIATING ACCESSIBLE ELECTRONIC BOOKS: A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING, A SMASHING SUCCESS

Jack Bernard, Esq., Chair, Counsel for Disability Concerns,
and

Assistant General Counsel, University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, Michigan

2:45 pm THE COMMITMENT OF MICROSOFT TO ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Rob Sinclair, Director of Accessibility, Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, Continued

3:05 pm TRANSCENDING THE BARRIERS OF YESTERDAY,
ANTICIPATING THE ROMANCE OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
WITH THE TECHNOLOGY OF TOMORROW

Ray Kurzweil, President and Chief Executive Officer, KNFB-
Reading Technology, Inc.; Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

3:25 pm REPRESENTING THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Patti Chang, Esq., Senior Corporation Counsel, City of
Chicago;
Chicago, Illinois

3:45 pm DR. JACOB BOLOTIN AWARD

Gary Wunder, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award
Committee, and Secretary, National Federation of the Blind;
Columbia, Missouri

4:15 pm THE RIGHT OF THE PEDESTRIAN TO BE SAFE IN THE WORLD

Ronald Medford, Acting Deputy Administrator, National
Highway
Traffic Safety Administration; Washington, D.C.

4:30 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



7:00 pm—BANQUET

Renaissance Ballroom, Level 4

INVOCATION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

10:00 pm - midnight—AFTER-BANQUET PARTY

Ambassador Three Ballroom, Level 3

10:00 pm—SCIENCE FICTION MEETING

All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys for room location.

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